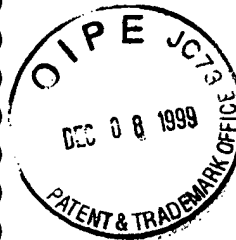


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Applicant : Ketan P. Muni et al.) Group Art Unit 3763
App. No. : 09/049,857)
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Examiner : D. Blyveis)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 89 references. References 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10-15, 17-39, 41-51, 57-59, and 65-76 are not attached since they were previously submitted in connection with parent Application No. 09/813,807, filed on March 6, 1997. References 3, 6, 9, 16, 40, 52-56, 60-64, and 77-89 are enclosed. Applicants are informed that John J. Connors, III filed a provisional application in late 96/early 97 having the title "ICA angioplasty with Cerebral Protection". Applicants are unaware whether a regular application was filed.

This Supplemental Information Statement is being submitted prior to a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. The fee required in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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